



Summary of Benefits 2025

AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-21 (HMO-POS)
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Look inside to learn more about the plan and the health and drug services it covers.
Contact us for more information about the plan.



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January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

This is a summary of what we cover and what you pay. For a complete list of covered services, limitations and exclusions, review the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) at myAARPmedicare.com or call Customer Service for help. After you enroll in the plan, you will get more information on how to view your plan details online.

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Medical premium, deductible and limits

Monthly plan premium	\$0 You need to continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium
Annual medical deductible	This plan does not have a medical deductible.
Maximum out-of-pocket amount (does not include prescription drugs)	\$3,900 This is the most you will pay out-of-pocket each year for Medicare-covered services and supplies received from network providers. Out-of-pocket costs paid for your Part D prescription drugs are not included in this amount.

Medical benefits

Inpatient hospital care ^{1,2} Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.	\$75 copay per day: days 1-5 \$0 copay per day: days 6 and beyond
Outpatient hospital Cost-sharing for additional plan covered services will apply.	Ambulatory surgical center (ASC) ^{1,2} \$0 copay for a colonoscopy \$50 copay otherwise
	Outpatient hospital, including surgery ^{1,2} \$0 copay for a colonoscopy \$75 copay otherwise
	Outpatient hospital observation services ^{1,2} \$75 copay

Medical benefits

Doctor visits

Primary care provider \$0 copay

Specialists^{1,2} \$15 copay

Virtual medical visits \$0 copay to talk with a network telehealth provider online through live audio and video

Preventive services

Routine physical \$0 copay, 1 per year

Medicare-covered \$0 copay

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol misuse counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Annual wellness visit <input type="checkbox"/> Bone mass measurement <input type="checkbox"/> Breast cancer screening (mammogram) <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular disease (behavioral therapy) <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular screening <input type="checkbox"/> Cervical and vaginal cancer screening <input type="checkbox"/> Colorectal cancer screenings (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy) <input type="checkbox"/> Depression screening <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes screenings and monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C screening <input type="checkbox"/> HIV screening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT) screening <input type="checkbox"/> Medical nutrition therapy services <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) <input type="checkbox"/> Obesity screenings and counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Prostate cancer screenings (PSA) <input type="checkbox"/> Sexually transmitted infections screenings and counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco use cessation counseling (counseling for people with no sign of tobacco-related disease) <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccines, including those for the flu, Hepatitis B, pneumonia, or COVID-19 <input type="checkbox"/> “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit (one-time) |
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Any additional preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered.

This plan covers preventive care screenings and annual physical exams at 100% when you use in-network providers.

Medical benefits

Emergency care \$140 copay (\$0 copay for emergency care outside the United States) per visit. If you are admitted to the hospital within 24 hours, you pay the inpatient hospital copay instead of the Emergency Care copay. See the “Inpatient Hospital Care” section of this booklet for other costs.

Urgently needed services \$65 copay (\$0 copay for urgently needed services outside the United States) per visit

Diagnostic tests, lab and radiology services, and X-rays Diagnostic radiology services (e.g. MRI, CT scan)^{1,2} \$0 copay for each diagnostic mammogram \$225 copay otherwise

Lab services^{1,2} \$0 copay

Diagnostic tests and procedures^{1,2} \$40 copay

Therapeutic radiology^{1,2} 20% coinsurance

Outpatient X-rays^{1,2} \$20 copay



Hearing services

Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues^{1,2} \$0 copay

Routine hearing exam \$0 copay, 1 per year

Hearing aids² \$99 - \$829 copay for each OTC hearing aid. \$199 - \$1,249 copay for each prescription hearing aid. You can purchase up to 2 hearing aids every year.

- A broad selection of over-the-counter (OTC) and brand-name prescription hearing aids
- Access to one of the largest national networks of hearing professionals with more than 7,000 locations
- 3-year manufacturer warranty on all prescription hearing aids covers a trial period and damage or repair during warranty period

Medical benefits



Routine dental benefits

Covered in-network and out-of-network.

Preventive and comprehensive²

\$1,500 allowance for all covered dental services*

\$0 copay for covered preventive and comprehensive services like cleanings, fillings and crowns

50% coinsurance for bridges and dentures

- No annual deductible
- Access to one of the largest national dental networks
- Freedom to see any dentist



Vision services

Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye^{1,2}

\$0 copay

Eyewear after cataract surgery¹

\$0 copay

Routine eye exam

\$0 copay, 1 per year

Routine eyewear

\$200 allowance for 1 pair of frames or contacts

- Free standard prescription lenses including single vision, bifocals, trifocals and Tier I (standard) progressives
- Other covered lenses available with copays from \$40 – \$153
- Access to one of Medicare Advantage's largest national networks of vision providers and retail providers
- Eyewear available from many online providers, including Warby Parker and GlassesUSA

Mental health

Inpatient visit^{1,2}
Our plan covers 90 days for an inpatient hospital stay

\$75 copay per day: days 1-5
\$0 copay per day: days 6-90

Outpatient group therapy visit^{1,2}

\$15 copay

Outpatient individual therapy visit^{1,2}

\$25 copay

Virtual mental health visits

\$0 copay to talk with a network telehealth provider online through live audio and video

Medical benefits

Skilled nursing facility (SNF)^{1,2}

Our plan covers up to 100 days in a SNF.

\$0 copay per day: days 1-20

\$203 copay per day: days 21-100

Outpatient rehabilitation services

Physical therapy and speech and language therapy visit^{1,2}

\$15 copay

Occupational Therapy Visit^{1,2}

\$15 copay

Virtual medical visits

\$0 copay to talk with a network telehealth provider online through live audio and video

Ambulance^{1,2}

Your provider must obtain prior authorization for non-emergency transportation. Referral is required for non-emergency transportation.

\$275 copay for ground

\$275 copay for air

Routine transportation

Not covered

Medicare Part B prescription drugs

Cost sharing shown is the maximum you will pay for Part B prescription drugs. You may pay less for certain drugs.

Chemotherapy drugs²

20% coinsurance

Part B covered insulin²

20% coinsurance, up to \$35

Other Part B drugs²

\$0 copay for allergy antigens

20% coinsurance for all others

Part B drugs may be subject to Step Therapy. See your Evidence of Coverage for details.

Good news for 2025

The Coverage Gap, or "donut hole", has been eliminated and your out-of-pocket maximum cost is lower than ever. That means you're more protected from high drug costs in 2025.

Prescription drug payment stages				
Deductible	<p>There is no deductible for drugs in Tier 1 and 2. Your coverage for these drugs starts in the Initial Coverage stage.</p> <p>There is a \$340 deductible for drugs in Tier 3, 4 and 5. You pay the full cost for your drugs in these tiers until you reach the deductible amount. Then you move to the Initial Coverage stage.</p>			
Initial Coverage	<p>In this stage, you'll pay your plan copays or coinsurance. The plan pays the rest. Once you, and others on your behalf, have paid a combined total of \$2,000, which includes the amount you paid towards your deductible, you move to the Catastrophic Coverage stage.</p>			
Tier drug coverage	Retail		Mail Order	
	Standard		Preferred	Standard
	30-day supply [^]	100-day supply	100-day supply	100-day supply
Tier 1: Preferred Generic	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
Tier 2: Generic ³	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
Tier 3: Preferred Brand	\$47 copay	\$141 copay	\$131 copay	\$141 copay
Tier 3: Covered Insulin Drugs ⁴	\$35 copay	\$105 copay	\$95 copay	\$105 copay
Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug ⁵	\$100 copay	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tier 5: Specialty Tier ⁵	29% coinsurance	N/A	N/A	N/A
Catastrophic Coverage	<p>Once you're in this stage, you won't pay anything for your Medicare-covered Part D drugs for the rest of the plan year.</p>			

Prescription drug payment stages

Additional covered drugs

These drugs are not covered by Medicare Part D and not on the plan's Drug List.

This plan covers these additional drugs as Tier 2 medications.

- Vitamin D (50,000)
- Sildenafil (generic Viagra)
- Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B-12)
- Folic Acid (1 mg)

[^]Members living in long-term care facilities pay the same for a 31-day supply as a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy.

³ Tier includes enhanced drug coverage.

⁴ You will pay a maximum of \$35 for each 1-month supply of Part D covered insulin drugs through all drug payment stages, except the Catastrophic drug payment stage, where you pay \$0.

⁵ Limited to a 30-day supply

Additional benefits

Chiropractic services

Medicare-covered chiropractic care (manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation)^{1,2} \$20 copay

Diabetes management

Diabetes monitoring supplies² \$0 copay

Diabetes self-management training \$0 copay

Therapeutic shoes or inserts² \$0 copay

Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies

DME (e.g., wheelchairs, oxygen)² 20% coinsurance


Prosthetics (e.g., braces, artificial limbs)² 20% coinsurance



Fitness program

\$0 copay
Your fitness program helps you stay active and connected at the gym, from home or in your

Additional benefits

		community. It's available to you at no additional cost and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Free gym membership <input type="checkbox"/> Access to a large national network of gyms and fitness locations <input type="checkbox"/> On-demand workout videos and live streaming fitness classes <input type="checkbox"/> Online memory fitness activities
Foot care (podiatry services)	Foot exams and treatment ^{1,2}	\$15 copay
	Routine foot care	\$15 copay, 6 visits per year
Meal benefit²	\$0 copay for 28 home-delivered meals immediately after an inpatient hospitalization or skilled nursing facility (SNF) stay	
Home health care^{1,2}	\$0 copay	
Hospice	You pay nothing for hospice care from any Medicare-approved hospice. You may have to pay part of the costs for drugs and respite care. Hospice is covered by Original Medicare, outside of our plan.	
Opioid treatment program services²	\$0 copay	
Outpatient substance use disorder services	Outpatient group therapy visit ^{1,2}	\$15 copay
	Outpatient individual therapy visit ^{1,2}	\$25 copay
 Over-the-counter (OTC) credit	\$25 credit every quarter for OTC products in-store or online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Choose from thousands of brand name and generic OTC products like vitamins, pain relievers, first aid and more <input type="checkbox"/> Shop at thousands of participating stores, including Walmart, Walgreens, Dollar General and Kroger, or at neighborhood stores near you 	
Renal dialysis^{1,2}	20% coinsurance	

¹ May require a referral from your doctor.

² May require your provider to get prior authorization from the plan for in-network benefits.

*Benefits are combined in and out-of-network

Member discounts



As a UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plan member, you'll have access to an exclusive collection of discounts on hundreds of products and services. Once you're a member, you can sign in to your member site for a list of discounts available to you.

About this plan

AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-21 (HMO-POS) is a Medicare Advantage HMOPOS plan with a Medicare contract.

To join this plan, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, live within our service area listed below, and be a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States.

Our service area includes these counties in:

Texas: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina, Wilson.

Use network providers and pharmacies

AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-21 (HMO-POS) has a network of doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and other providers. For routine dental services, you can use providers that are not in our network. This health plan requires you to select a primary care provider (PCP) from the network. Your PCP can handle most routine health care needs and will be responsible to coordinate your care. If you need to see a network specialist or other network provider, you may need to get a referral from your PCP. We encourage you to find out which specialists and hospitals your PCP would recommend for you and would refer you to for care, prior to selecting them as your plan's PCP. If you use pharmacies that are not in our network, the plan may not pay for those drugs, or you may pay more than you pay at a network pharmacy.

You can go to **[AARP Medicare Plans.com](https://www.aarpmedicareplans.com)** to search for a network provider or pharmacy using the online directories. You can also view the plan Drug List (Formulary) to see what drugs are covered and if there are any restrictions.

Required Information

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Benefits, features, and/or devices vary by plan/area. Limitations, exclusions and/or network restrictions may apply.

Hearing aids

Other hearing exam providers are available in the UnitedHealthcare network. The plan only covers hearing aids from a UnitedHealthcare Hearing network provider. Provider network size may vary by local market. OTC hearing aid warranties, if available, will vary by device and are handled through the manufacturer. One-time professional fee may apply for prescription hearing aids.

Routine dental benefits

If your plan offers out-of-network dental coverage and you see an out-of-network dentist, you might be billed more. Provider network may vary in local market. Dental network size based on Zelis Network360, May 2023.

Routine eyewear

Additional charges may apply for out-of-network items and services. Provider and retail network may vary in local market. Vision network size based on Zelis Network360, March 2023. Annual routine eye exam and \$100-450 allowance for contacts or designer frames, with standard (single, bi-focal, tri-focal or standard progressive) lenses covered in full either annually or every two years. Savings based on comparison to retail. Other vision providers are available in our network.

Fitness program

Participation in the fitness program is voluntary. Consult your doctor prior to beginning an exercise program or making changes to your lifestyle or health care routine. The fitness program includes standard fitness membership and other offerings. Fitness membership equipment, classes, activities and events may vary by location. Certain services, discounts, classes, activities, events and online fitness offerings are provided by affiliates of UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or other third parties not affiliated with UnitedHealthcare.

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Gym network may vary in local market and plan.

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Over-the-counter (OTC) credit

OTC benefits have expiration timeframes. Call your plan or review your Evidence of Coverage (EOC) for more information.

The Formulary, pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

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